

[finding of] default is entered against one defendant in a multi-defendant case, the preferred practice is for the court to withhold granting a default judgment until the trial of the action on the merits against the remaining defendants.” *Safeco Ins. Co. of Am. v. Stephenson*, No. 06-4294-CV-C-NKL, 2007 WL 2026389, at * 1 (W.D. Mo. July 9, 2007) (quoting *Northland Ins. Co. v. Cailu Title Corp.*, 204 F.R.D. 327, 330 (W.D. Mich. 2000)). Because three non-defaulting Defendants remain in this matter, the Court finds that no final decree on the merits should be entered against the Estate of Dustin Morton until the matter is disposed of as to the remaining defendants. Accordingly, the Court denies Plaintiff’s Motion for Entry of Judgment of Default (Doc. #13).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: March 3, 2016

/s/ Ortrie D. Smith
ORTRIE D. SMITH, SENIOR JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT